

# London

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## SOCIAL EVENTS BEGIN

King and Queen Will Attend Debutante Ball for Lady Irene Curzon May 4.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, April 18.—The usual spring invasion of Europe by Americans already has started. This week saw the arrival of many "hardy annuals" and London hotels are beginning to fill up.

Lord Curzon has selected May 4 for the "coming out" ball of his daughter, Lady Irene Curzon. It will be a brilliant affair, as both King George and Queen Mary have promised to attend. Lady Irene is a granddaughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter, of Chicago. She is to be presented at the May court by her aunt, Lady Suffolk, who will be chaperone during the season. Lady Irene, by a special remainder, will be the future Baroness Ravensdale of Ravensdale.

**Philadelphia in London.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus K. Curtis, of Philadelphia, with a party of friends, are spending a few days in London after touring Italy. They sail for home next week. Mr. Curtis left Philadelphia in February entirely on pleasure bent, but could not resist the temptation to do a little work. While in London he inspected several big newspaper plants and also bought some new machinery for color printing.

Discussing the United States-Mexico imbroglio, Mr. Curtis deplored the prospect of war and President Wilson's efforts to maintain peace, but said he is afraid the country soon will be dragged into war against its will.

Charles Frohman and Lee Shubert both are staying at the Savoy. Mr. Frohman's many friends here are glad to note he is in much better health.

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## Tourist Invasion of England Is On

### BUSY SUMMER PLANNED.



### QUEEN MARY

London, April 18.—Buckingham Palace is the scene of great activity in preparation for the French visit of King George and Queen Mary, who make their departure for Paris next Tuesday.

This summer will be a busy one for the King and Queen. Following their trip to Paris they go to Welbeck Abbey next month as guests of the Duke and Duchess of Portland. While there they will visit Nottingham and other places in the district.

On June 26 they are to open the new docks at Hull, following which they will make an extensive trip to Scotland.

The Queen is looking forward to these trips with much interest, as she is fond of traveling, and has had but few chances to get away from London since the coronation.

Princess Mary, who has not yet been introduced to society, will not accompany her parents on their visit to Paris.

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**AMERICAN WINS ART FAME.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, April 18.—A brilliant exhibition of paintings by Harry Vanderweyden, an American artist, is attracting exceptional attention in Paris. There are seventy pictures, chiefly inspired by scenes and life in the vicinity of Etaples, Normandy, where Vanderweyden lives.

Among them are a score of canvases of capital importance, including several marine views, landscapes, French and Dutch gardens in full flower and delicious moonlight effects. It is understood that the French government is contemplating the purchase of one or two of Mr. Vanderweyden's works.

**SUFFRAGETTES WRECK GARDEN.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Belfast, April 18.—Leaving behind them suffragette denunciations of Sir Edward Carson and the British government, suffragettes early today invaded the Belle Vue Gardens, owned by the municipality, and burned a pavilion and a tearoom, and wrecked botanical exhibits.

The damage is estimated at \$4,000.

**SPERRY HOPES TO WIN "SAFETY" AERO CONTEST**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, April 18.—Aviator Lawrence Sperry arrived here this week and immediately began experimenting with the Glenn Curtiss automatic balancing aeroplane entered for the French \$50,000 competition for the safest flying machine.

Sperry is confident of winning the prize for America. He intends to make a series of high flights across Paris when he has the machine properly tuned up.

# Paris

## WAR TALK HITS DUBLIN'S SEASON

Aberdeens Will Attend the Punctestown Races, However, and Elite Is Glad.

## ULSTER GLOOM BLANKET

Many Heartburnings in Social Circles Over Blow to Fetes Through Home Rule Crisis.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Dublin, April 18.—There have been great heartburnings in Dublin society over the present political crisis. Lady Iveagh and Lady Paget, who were Miss Mary Stevens, a daughter of Paron Stevens, are not to entertain during the present season.

Lady Iveagh's ball was to have been one of the chief social events later in the season, but gloom and anxiety now overshadow Ulster circles in Ireland.

Recent Viceroy balls have not been so brilliant owing to the uncertain outlook on the political horizon and the present season has been a complete social fiasco.

The death of Lord Aberdeen's sister partly accounted for this, but the chief cause is attributable to the high state of political feeling over the home rule bill.

**Few at "Castle" Levee.**  
One sign of the coming debacle was the meager attendance at the official levee and drawing-room reception which opened the "Castle" season, whereas Irish Unionist aristocrats were conspicuous by their absence.

The same depressing conditions marked the functions which followed.

The second part of the Irish season, of which the Punctestown races are the chief event, promises, however, to be highly successful.

A throng of sportsmen and fashionable are coming from the English side of the channel, and all the great country seats have a big list of visitors promised.

Resident members of the nobility, including Lord and Lady Devis, who was Miss Vivien Gould, already have booked a large party of guests.

Politics or no politics, Irish society is unable to resist worshipping at the shrine of sport.

**Lord Aberdeen's Shift.**  
For some time, however, this cheerful prospect was imperilled by the view of Lord Lieutenant Aberdeen that lavish expenditure was entirely out of place during the present state of Irish politics.

His avowed determination to give no more important entertainments at the "Castle" this season.

At the last moment, however, the situation was entirely changed by a sudden reversal on the part of the viceroy, who issued an official announcement that he and Lady Aberdeen had decided to attend the Punctestown races in state, which event will be followed by a state reception in Dublin Castle during the race week.

He added that a further announcement would follow as to the forthcoming viceregal entertainments. This is regarded in political circles as an augury of the re-opening of political tension and an early agreement as to a settlement of the Home Rule question.

Hence, the outlook is immensely brightened, both socially and politically, and Irish society smiles once more.

**TO FETE YANKEE BONIFACES.**  
Berlin Makes Lavish Preparations for American Hotelmen.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Berlin, April 18.—Lavish preparations are being made here for the entertainment of the delegation of 30 American hotelmen, who are expected to arrive here the first week in May on their European tour.

The municipality of Berlin will tender a luncheon and reception at the city hall, their arrival. The Berlin Hotel Keepers' Association has arranged an elaborate program, including dinners, theatrical performances and tours.

The visitors will begin the German section of their tour with a trip up the Rhine. They will remain in Berlin until May 7.

**ELECTROCUTED IN BATH TUBS.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, April 18.—The Society of Public Medecines has started an investigation into electrocution in bath tubs. Two cases of women who were found dead in bath tubs from electrocution have been brought to the attention of the society.

It is said that in many of the older houses in Paris, which were built before the installation of electricity, the wiring which has been installed recently is imperfect and in contact with the metal bath is possible, thus electrocuting the bather.

**NEW WASHINGTON LETTER REVEALED**  
Sir John Lawrence Gives British Centenary Committee an Autograph Missive.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, April 18.—Through the courtesy of Sir John Lawrence, the British peace centenary committee has received an autograph letter from Gen. George Washington to Col. Daxton, written during the American war of independence. The letter is dated "Headquarters, Newburgh, May 10, 1782." Two or three words are unrecognizable, but these are immaterial. Here is the letter:

"I have given the most peremptory orders that no flag from the enemy shall be received at any other place or post but Dobbs Ferry on any business or pretext whatever and that no flag from us to them shall (for any reason however pressing) be permitted to pass to the enemy's lines, except from the same place."

"You will take measures for carrying this order effectually into execution, no far as relates to the posts in Jersey, within the limits of your command, and the places at and from which the flags have been received and sent . . . putting in arrest any officer who shall presume to contravene . . . this order on our side, and by detaining as prisoners all persons who may come from the enemy with flags after next fall. Sir John Lawrence is now seventy years of age, but has been playing all season at her theater here. As usual, she has announced that this is to be positively the last time she will visit America. She will also tour Australia, Russia, and England before returning to Paris."

## Ulster Crisis Blow To Dublin's "Season"

### SOCIAL SEASON STARTS EARLY.

April Witnesses Brilliant Gatherings at Mayfair.  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, April 18.—One of the social signs of the present reign is the earlier commencement of the London season. Formerly it did not begin until May, but this month has witnessed many brilliant gatherings in Mayfair apart from the official courts.

The earlier return of society to town is having a considerable effect on the resorts in the Riviera. The Southern season practically ended for English visitors a month earlier than usual, but the loss to the French resorts has been London's gain.

American hostesses who did very little in the way of entertaining last season intend to make up for it this year, and the Duchess of Roxburgh, who was Miss Mary Goet, of Newport, is mentioned as one who intends to be specially lavish in hospitality.

**ALFRED VANDERBILTS QUIT PARIS FOR LONDON**  
Maxine Elliott, After Much Tennis at Biarritz, Goes Visiting in Country.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Paris, April 18.—Maxine Elliott, after returning to the Ritz from Biarritz, where she spent the Easter holidays playing tennis, has now gone to the country to visit friends.

Alfred Vanderbilt left the Astoria on Monday and went to London. Mrs. Vanderbilt following on Wednesday at the conclusion of the horse show.

Prince Michel Murat, whose wife was Miss Helen MacDonagh Stallo, of Cincinnati, had a serious fall in one of the hurdle events. He was able, however, to attend a private boxing match this week between George Carpenter and an English amateur named Mitchell.

Another society Frenchman with an American wife, Walter de Mumm, who married Miss Frances Scoville, of Seneca, saw the fight with other young boomers, who have formed a new society for the boxing set of Paris.

Lord and Lady Granard, who was Miss Beatrice Mills; Mrs. Bradley Martin; Howard Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Cary, passed the Easter holidays at the Ritz.

Dr. Mortimer Lawrence, of New York, who is building a superb Italian villa on the Palisades of the Hudson, left for New York on La Provence today. He has been searching Europe for architectural features for the exterior and interior decorations, as well as paintings, statuary, and other works of art. While here Dr. Lawrence was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Philadelphia. His villa is expected to be one of the finest show places around New York.

**CANNIBALS EAT SEVEN MEN.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Sydney, April 18.—The killing and eating of seven native missionaries by cannibals is the latest horror added to the grim record of the New Hebrides, which were recently visited by a serious volcanic eruption. The island strainer Makambo, which arrived here yesterday, brought news of unrest among the natives on Makambo and other islands, culminating in a cannibalistic feast.

**SCOTT'S WIDOW MAY WED.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, April 18.—There is an interesting rumor going around which, by the persistence with which it is being repeated, may have some grounds. It is to the effect that Sir James Barrie is engaged to marry Lady Scott, widow of Capt. Robert Falcon Scott, of antarctic fame.

**ANOTHER FAREWELL TOUR FOR THE FAIR ONE.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, April 18.—The departure of Sarah Bernhardt for next fall. She will open in New York in October. Mme. Bernhardt is now seventy years of age, but has been playing all season at her theater here. As usual, she has announced that this is to be positively the last time she will visit America. She will also tour Australia, Russia, and England before returning to Paris."

**BRITON SAYS U. S. ISN'T 'AMERICAN'**  
S. K. Ratcliffe, of Sociological Society, Sees Vast Change Due to Immigration.

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London, April 18.—In an unusually luminous address of absorbing interest to Americans, delivered before a distinguished gathering at the Sociological Society, S. K. Ratcliffe, secretary of the society, who lately has returned to London after a trip of several months in the United States, told of the "vast changes" which, he declares, "are slowly but surely remaking, reconstituting the American State."

That there no longer exists what may properly be termed an American nation is one of the startling conclusions which Mr. Ratcliffe drew.

He told of "the many Americans of which, during the briefest period of study, the visitor becomes conscious, and went on to declare that during so short a space of time as the last two generations anything like a homogeneous American nation has ceased to exist."

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**RUSSIAN PENSIONERS FORCED TO BEG BREAD**  
Highest Pension Czar Pays \$18—Soldier Testifies with Artistic Throat.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
St. Petersburg, April 18.—That practically the highest pension the Russian government pays to any of its soldiers does not exceed \$18 a year was brought out in the St. Petersburg District Court, when a volunteer soldier named Pimenoff, who received the highest order of the St. George's Cross for valor in the recent Japanese war, was tried and acquitted on the charge of spreading "knowingly false statements calculated to excite enmity toward the government."

The prisoner received five wounds during the Japanese war, seven times he had his horse shot under him, and he was one of the handful of Russian survivors of the fight on "Eagle's Nest." His only son was killed in battle, and when Pimenoff returned from the front he found himself without means of subsistence. Many other maimed "Knights of St. George" were in the same plight, and in order to draw attention to their destitute state, Pimenoff wrote a pamphlet called "From the Ruins of the Fatherland," in which he described how they were thrown on the streets and forced to beg food.

Considering the pity and indignation excited in St. Petersburg, and other cities by the appearance of these starving cripples, it is not surprising that Pimenoff has been acquitted.

Nearly all the witnesses for the defense had won in battle the distinction of the collar of St. George. Their evidence was as pathetic as their appearance. One poor fellow was led into court by a little girl, who was completely blind and had an artificial throat. His utterances being almost incomprehensible. The only person he received was \$18 a year, which he said, was the highest received by any private soldier.

Another witness twice wounded at Port Arthur, who has three children, of whom two are now in the hospital, related that the war minister gave him only \$1 annually, and therefore he was obliged to beg. A third witness, also wounded at Port Arthur, said that during the last three years he had received in all \$7.

A veteran of the Russo-Turkish war, who participated in the storming of Karakoram, how he, too, was reduced to beggary. Then, again, there was an unrepentant soldier who fought in twenty engagements during the Russo-Japanese war and, after being wounded at Port Arthur for three days and nights among the dead, he was recommended for the St. George's Cross, but through some mistake or other did not obtain it. He traveled nearly a mile to the court to get the error rectified, but hitherto his efforts had been fruitless, and he is now a beggar.

**RACES BRIGHTEN BERLIN AFTER DULL EASTERTIDE**  
Many Americans at Karlsruher Track Patronized by Crown Prince and Princess.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Berlin, April 18.—The opening of the regular spring season at Karlsruher, the fashionable race track near Berlin, this week afforded a welcome diversion to many tourists, who were compelled to pass the monotonously dull Easter holidays here.

The past day's racing events were witnessed by many Americans. The grand stand and clubhouse were crowded, the presence of the crown prince and crown princess giving the affair a touch of heightened interest.

The crown prince lately has been showing an increased interest in race horses, and now that the Reichstag has frustrated his plans for a vacation trip in Africa by refusing to appropriate the necessary funds, it is expected that he will take a prominent part in the season's track events.

At the opening of "Karlsruher" two of his own horses, Baby and Moose, were entered, but he had had luck with both. Baby came under the wire a bad fourth, Moose, in taking a hurdle, fell and was so badly hurt died the next day.

The crown prince, who shares her husband's fondness for horses, looked charming in a costume of dark blue silk, with a low-crowned blue hat, trimmed with yellow flowers.

Among the Americans present were A. L. Rogers and Dorothy Rogers, of Minneapolis, who are spending a fortnight in Berlin after touring Italy.

**GOING INTO VAUDEVILLE.**  
Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, April 18.—Paris may have an American theatrical magnet if the plans of Frank J. Gould are carried out